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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Dear Sir:

In response to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Action mailed April 9, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments in order to place the case in better condition for allowance or appeal.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 15 as shown in the attached marked-up and clean copy of the claim. Please add claim 25 as shown in the attached clean copy of the claim.

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Claims 15-24 are pending in the application. Claims 15-24 were rejected. Claim 15 is amended herein and claim 25 has been added. As a result of these amendments, claims 15-25 are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

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